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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PREMIER'S LEBANESE PRESS AGENCY INTERVIEW

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- 1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE PRESS AGENCY PM RIFAI DENIED ANY PRESENT PLANS FOR KING HUSSEIN TO VISIT USSR OR ROMANIA OR THAT ANY DATE OR AGENDA FIXED FOR HOLDING OF ARAB QUADRIPARTITE MEETING. END SUMMARY.
- 2. JORDAN PRESS JUNE 24 CARRIED PRIME MINISTER ZAYD RIFAI'S INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE PRESS NEWS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOWS:

A. QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE-RIFAI SAID NOTHING IS YET DECIDED REGARDING EITHER DATE OR AGENDA OF 4 POWER UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFERENCE OF EGYPT, SYRIAN, JORDAN AND PLO.

B. MILITARY COORDINATION: IN REPLY TO QUESTION ON EXISTENCE OF MILITARY COORDINATION WITH IRAQ AS WELL AS SYRIAN, RIFAI SAID "IT NO SECRET THAT JORDANIAN-SYRIAN MILITARY COORDINATION HAS EXISTED FOR SOME TIME." AS TO IRAQ: "I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE FRATERNAL COOPERATION WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS BETWEEN JORDAN AND IRAQ IN MANY AREAS." C. ON RUMOR THAT KING HUSSEIN WILL VISIT ROMANIA AND SOVIET UNION, RIFAI SAID KING HUSSEIN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION BUT NO DATE SET FOR ROMANIAN VISIT. "AS FOR HIS MAJESTY'S VISIT TO SOVIET UNION, NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED CONCERNING IT. WE ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO THE EXPANSION OF JORDANIAN-SOVIET COOPERATION. THE SOVIET UNION HAS A ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE ARAB STAND AND IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST ME SETTLEMENT." D. MIDEAST POLICY RE-ASSESSMENT: ON U.S. MIDEAST POLICY RE-ASSESSMENT, RIFAI SAID, "PERHAPS USG RE-ASSESSMENT CAME AS RESULT OF WASHINGTON'S REALIZATION THAT FAILURE TO REACH WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT ON EGYPTIAN FRONT WAS NOT A FAILURE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS AS MUCH AS IT IS A FAILURE OF U.S. POLICY ITSELF IN THE AREA." RIFAI INDICATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE USG HAS ARRIVED AT "NEW SOLUTIONS" TO MEDEAST PROBLEM BUT HE KNOWS THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS EARNEST IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ME CRISIS. E. ON ARAB POSITION, RIFAI SAID IT BASED FUNDAMENT-

ALLY ON RABAT ARAB SUMMIT AGREEMENT, AND CONTAINS TWO MAIN ELEMENTS: (A) COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE ARAB TERRITORY OCCUPIED SINCE 1967 WAR, AND (B) RESTORATION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. F. RIFAI DENIED THAT THERE IS A SINGLE PERSON IMPRISONED IN JORDAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS OR BECAUSE HE IS A PLO MEMBER. "BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE WILL HESITATE TO DEAL WITH ANY VIOLATORS OF LAWS IN OR REGULATIONS FORCE." PICKERING

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